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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5629

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Audit of Claims; amending Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.40; repealing Section 4.40.045, and establishing an effective date.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 4.40 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.40.010 Examination of claims by city officials.

All claims presented to the city shall first be examined by the appropriate administrative official thereof. If said official determines a claim to be just, due and unpaid he shall so indicate to the finance director or his/her designee, and shall further indicate the fund from which payment is to be made and whether the appropriate funds are available.

4.40.020 Examination by finance director.

The finance director or his/her designee shall examine all claims presented to him/her by the appropriate administrative officials of the city, and following said examination shall take action as follows:

A. If s/he concurs in a finding of the appropriate administrative official that a claim is just, due and owing, and if funds are available, and if funds are available and if s/he further finds that payment of said claim would not be in violation of any city ordinance, state statute or general law, s/he may authorize payment of the same. Said authorization shall be sufficient for the honoring and payment of such claim.

B. If s/he disagrees with a finding of the appropriate administrative official of the city that a claim is just, due and owing, s/he shall so indicate in his/her report to the city council. No voucher shall be approved or payment ordered on any claim upon which the finance director or his/her designee shall have noted an objection pending presentation thereof to the city council.

4.40.030 Finance director's report to city council.

The finance director or his/her designee shall periodically, as the city council may designate, prepare a written report regarding his/her examination of claims. Such report shall indicate the action taken on each claim presented, together with

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such information thereon as may enable the city council to act upon all claims which have not been approved by the finance director or his/her designee.

4.40.040 Services of auditor.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the mayor may contract for the services of a city council auditor pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35A.13.080(2), upon concurrence of the city council for the purpose of conducting non-routine audits of city officers and departments. The city council auditor shall be under the direction of the city council and shall not be considered an employee of the city nor under the control of the city administration.

4.40.050 Damage claims.

This chapter does not apply to claims for damages covered by Chapter 4.36 BCC.

Section 2. Bellevue City Code Section 4.40.045 is hereby deleted.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 17th day of October, 2005, and signed in authentication of its passage this 17th day of October, 2005.

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